

Chester Township Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Oct 5-Voter Registration deadline for November election
Oct 12-Township Board Meeting
Oct 26-Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 28-Public Test of Election Equipment 11 am
Oct 31-Office open for absentee voters 9 am-2 pm
Nov 3-Election Day
Nov 9-Township Board Meeting
Nov 11-Medicare Enrollment Event
Nov 23-Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 14-Township Board Meeting
Dec 25-Office closed
Dec 28-No Planning Commission meeting
Dec 28-Treasurer's office open 9 am-7 pm
January 1-Office closed

All meetings of the Chester Township Board or any township committees are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

ELECTION NOTICES

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Absentee Ballots-If you are over 60 or permanently disabled, you may request to be put on a permanent list to receive an application for an absentee ballot. If your name is not on the permanent list, you may still request an application prior to each election. If you have any questions, or would like your name added to the permanent list, please contact the clerk's office.

Polling Location-all Chester Township elections are held at the Township Office located at 3509 Sehler Street in Conklin.

Ballot Information-the only item on this ballot is a millage request from the Coopersville Area District Library. The request is for .32 mills, which would cost approximately \$16.00 annually for the owner of a home valued at \$100,000. If approved, monies collected would fund a \$1,650,000 improvement to the library facilities. Details about the planned expansion are available at the library.

TAX PAYMENTS

The Treasurer's office will be open extended hours for tax payment collection. On Monday, December 28th the office will be open from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. There is a dropbox located near the front entrance that can be used when the office is not open. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included to receive a stamped receipt.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Fall clean up of the cemeteries will begin soon. All plantings not in a container and other decorations will be removed.

Except for Christmas & Easter, decorations are not allowed from September 1st until May 1st.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, they are available to residents at a cost of \$200.00. Contact the township office for more information.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website is being re-designed and we would like to include more community information. If you have a business, local organization, church, or other community group that you would like included in our directory, please let us know. We are also looking for items to include in our historical section. If you have suggestions or comments on how we could improve the website, please contact us.

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in working or volunteering for Chester Township, please contact our office. We regularly appoint members of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review. Election workers will be needed for the upcoming Presidential Election year, and also new recruits for the Fire Department. There is currently an opening in our office staff.

We contract for services such as snow plowing and lawn mowing. If you are interested in bidding on these types of services, please contact our office.

HALL RENTAL

The Community Room at the Chester Township Hall is available to rent. The cost for residents is \$100 for up to 6 hours and \$150 for rentals lasting between 6 and 12 hours. Non-residents will pay additional costs. Please call the township office or check our website for more information.

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT EVENT

A representative from Four Pointes (formerly Council on Aging) will be available to help with Medicare enrollment options on Wednesday, November 11 at Chester Township Hall. To schedule an appointment, you will need to complete and submit a worksheet. Forms are available at the township office, by email from linda@fourpointes.org, or on the Four Pointes website at www.fourpointes.org.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary public service is available at no charge to residents at the township office. Please call first to be sure the clerk or treasurer is in.

Supervisor-Gary Meerman

Township Officers:

Treasurer-Dianne Berenbrock

Trustees-Troy Goodno & Ed Kelly

Office Hours: Monday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Website: www.chester-twp.org

Clerk-Jan Redding